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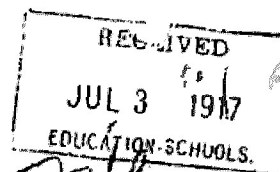
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



Application Public
School Contract.

Reno, Nevada, June 25, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a communication from Mrs. Minnie McKenzie of Tejon Canyon, California, in reference to public school contract No. 23557, approved April 30, 1917. From this it will be seen that the contract did not accomplish what we hoped it might in providing accommodations in the school for the Indian children at the Tejon ranch. It appears that Juan Lasada did not favor the plan of taking Indian children to the public school at a distance, although we are not aware as to what his reasons for this attitude were. At different times in the past, efforts have been made to establish a school near the Indian village. For a short time such a school was maintained in the Catholic Mission located there. Efforts to reestablish this school have, so far, been in vain. We hope to have an opportunity to visit this locality during the present summer and will make further effort to re-establish the school at that point, if possible.

Very respectfully,

W. D. Darrington
Special Indian Agent.

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